

# Bringing Beauty Inside:

## Collection Captures the Essence of Outdoor Alabama

Even Alabama's biggest outdoor enthusiasts haven't seen all this great state has to offer, so this year the Department of Conservation and Natural Resources is bringing some of that beauty inside, in hopes of inspiring more residents to get outside.

This spring, summer, and fall, a collection of winning images from the 2007 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest will travel the state, highlighting the best in Alabama's natural beauty. The 21 winning color photographs were all taken in Alabama, by Alabamian amateur photographers, within the last two years. Plants and animals in the photos are all native to the state. The winners represent seven categories, including: scenic/pictorial, birds, mammals, reptiles/amphibians/fish, other wildlife, nature-based recreation, and flora.

The collection will make its debut at Birmingham Botanical Gardens in April. It will then move to the Montgomery Visitor Center for May, and beginning early in June, the winning photos can be seen in the new Delta Hall at Five Rivers in Mobile. From there, the exhibit will go to Lakepoint State Park in Eufaula, then on to Tuscaloosa, Huntsville, Joe Wheeler



State Park, and finally, Lake Guntersville State Park in January. In addition to traveling as part of this special display, the winning photos can be seen in the February 2007 issue of Outdoor Alabama Magazine, and are displayed on the ADCNR Web site at <http://www.outdoor-alabama.com/photos/oaphotos/07winners>.

The 2007 Outdoor Alabama Photo Contest and the traveling collection of the winning photographs are designed to draw attention to the spectacular scenery

Alabama has to offer. From water and wildlife, flora and fauna, breathtaking views and nature-based fun, these snapshots showcase the land and life Alabamians love. The goal of the exhibit is to raise awareness of and appreciation for Alabama's natural beauty – that it's always here and always available to everyone, even in the hearts of our cities.

Dates and locations of the exhibit are listed below. Hours vary; call to verify. ☎

### Montgomery

Friday, May 4 – Monday, June 4

Montgomery Visitor Center

(Downtown in historic Union Station)

300 Water Street, Montgomery

334-262-0013 or toll-free 1-800-240-9452

### Mobile

Friday, June 8 – Monday, July 9

Delta Hall at Five Rivers – Alabama's Delta Resource Center

30945 Five Rivers Boulevard, Spanish Fort

251-625-0814

### Eufaula

Thursday, July 12 – Tuesday, July 31

Lakepoint State Park - Park Office/Info Center

104 Lakepoint Drive, Eufaula

334-687-8011 or toll-free 1-800-544-5253

### Tuscaloosa

Wednesday, August 1 – Tuesday, August 28

Junior League Gallery of the Bama Theatre

600 Greensboro Avenue, Tuscaloosa

205-758-5195

### Huntsville

Saturday, September 1 – Monday, October 1

Linda Smith Visitors Center, Boeing Education Classroom & Anderson Education Center,

Huntsville Botanical Gardens

4747 Bob Wallace Avenue, Huntsville

256-430-3572

### Rogersville

Thursday, October 4 – Thursday, November 1

Joe Wheeler State Park - Park Resort

4401 McLean Drive, Rogersville

256-247-5461 or toll-free 1-800-544-5639

### Guntersville

Friday, January 4 – Thurs., January 31, 2008

Lake Guntersville State Park - Park Lodge

1155 Lodge Drive, Guntersville

256-571-5440 or toll-free 1-800-548-4553

## ATFA Forest Landowners' Conference and Wildlife/Forestry Festival is to be held in the Mobile area, November 2-3, 2007



Mark your calendars for November 2nd & 3rd, 2007. You do not want to miss this event!

